

REMARKS

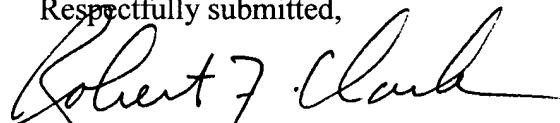
A petition and fee for a two-month extension of time is being submitted herewith.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended.

The rejection of claims 1-9 and 40-45 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Savadago et al. is respectfully traversed. Savadago et al. requires a co-catalyst selected from platinum, palladium, ruthenium, rhodium, iridium, or osmium. (Col. 3, ll. 17-24) The Applicants' claimed invention as amended consists essentially of an electrochemically activated tungstate catalyst supported on a carbon support and does not require a co-catalyst to achieve the claimed output levels. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully assert that the Applicants' claimed invention is not anticipated by Savadago et al.

In view of the foregoing amendment, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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